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MONITORING ACTIVITY AND PRESENCE  
TO OPTIMIZE COLLABORATIVE ISSUE  
RESOLUTION  
GROUP ART UNIT : 2151 Conf. No. 4783  
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In conformance with Applicants' duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and § 1.97(b)(3), the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449 are hereby brought to the Examiner's attention.

In accordance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, copies of the references are submitted herewith.

The references were cited in the International Search Report of the corresponding International Application No. PCT/US02/37747. A copy of the Search Report is also enclosed.

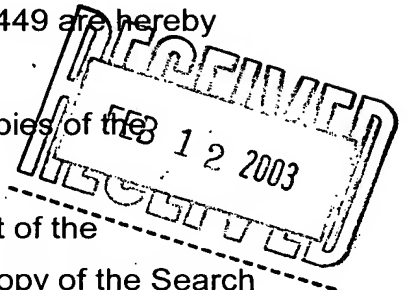
It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear in the "references cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

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